

## SPORTING.

### THE ROYAL BUCK HOUNDS.

Her Majesty's buck hounds were hunted on three days during the past week. The sport came off as follows:—

**MONDAY.**—The meet this morning upon Stoke Common was attended by a field of upwards of one hundred; and it being known that the celebrated little deer, The Sailor, had been selected for the day's sport, a good run was fully anticipated. The result, however, was far different to the expectations of the field. The Sailor, on being uncartered at the Splash, on Burnham Beeches, crossed that portion of the Beeches for a short distance, and headed back to Farnham Common, crossing the hounds, and then nearly to Farnham, whence it headed back to East Burnham, and again to the Beeches, where it was run into by a portion of the pack, close to the Splash, and got terribly bitten before the hounds were whipped off. This run (it scarcely deserves the name), the most uninteresting this season, the deer never once giving fairly away, and often facing the pack and running amongst the horses, occupied nearly a couple of hours. The Earl of Rosslyn stated in the field that it would be the last time The Sailor would be brought out, as it is supposed he has *seen* his best days (he has now but one eye), and is out of condition for hunting for the future.

**THURSDAY.**—Ditton Marsh this morning, where the meet had been appointed to take place, had completely the appearance of a minor race course; such was the immense quantity of people on horseback, in carriages, and on foot, who were attracted to the spot. The field consisted of between 200 to 300. There were upwards of fifty carriages filled with elegantly dressed females, drawn up on different parts of the common, where a view could be obtained of the uncartering and probable route of the deer. The pedestrians numbered nearly 2,000. The first deer, an untried one, was uncartered on the marsh, opposite the Marquis of Granby, and afforded but little sport. After making by the Telegraph, it kept ringing about for more than half an hour (never going away), and was ran into by the hounds, and killed in a garden close to where it was uncartered. A second untried deer was then turned out, and this made full amends for the dogged clumsiness of its companion. After leaving the Telegraph on the left, it went right a-head, at a good hunting pace towards Epsom, crossing by the village of Hook, and skirting the town of Epsom on the right. It then made for Ashstead, crossing the park, on to Headley, where it was taken at the keeper's house, after a beautiful, and almost straight right-a-head run of 14 miles, occupying about an hour and twenty minutes. There was some tremendous fencing during the run, and several horses were observed "looking about for their riders" between Hook and Ashstead. Three or four horses got bogged near Headley, and two had to be dragged out of a ditch by means of chains and "horse-power," nearly suffocated. Horses and riders, however, escaped unhurt. The Earl of Rosslyn and a good field were up at the take. The hounds were taken for the night to the Stud-house, at Hampton Court.

**SATURDAY.**—The meet this morning was at New Lodge, where a field of about one hundred were assembled. An untried deer, upon being uncartered in the immediate vicinity, went away at an excellent pace to Mr. Forbes's, then for Winkfield Park, back again to New Lodge, crossing between Oakley Green and Fifield, on to Down Place, the seat of Mr. Harford. The deer then made for the Thames, which it crossed (the hounds being taken over Maidenhead Bridge), and away for the Maidenhead station on the Great Western Railway, where the hounds again came up with it. It then went away in the direction of Lady Well's, on to Dorney Common, from thence to Eton Wick, across the Brocas, swimming over the Thames to the Leathem bottle, in Clewer-fields, where the deer made for the stables, and was taken after a long run; the first part was at a good hunting pace, but the latter, on account of crossing the water, was "rayther" slow work.

There are eight couples of untried deer to be brought out during the season.

The Royal stag hounds will meet this day at Salt Hill, on Wednesday at Winkfield Church, and Friday at Iver Heath.